



Flower Garden Banks
National Marine Sanctuary
Advisory Council

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Public Notice – Community Calendar

FLOWER GARDEN BANKS
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR
Thursday, April 19, 2007
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- WHO: Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
- WHAT: Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting. The public is invited to attend the meeting and provide comment during a public forum period.
- WHERE: FGBNMS Office, 4700 Ave. U, Bldg. 216, Galveston, TX 77551
- WHY: To focus on issues affecting marine resources of the Flower Garden Banks. The advisory council includes representatives from the recreational diving, diving operation, oil and gas industry, recreational fishing, commercial fishing, research, education and conservation communities. Located in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico, Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary includes three separate areas, known as East Flower Garden, West Flower Garden, and Stetson Banks. The Flower Garden and Stetson banks harbor the northernmost coral reefs in the continental United States and serve as regional reservoirs of shallow-water reef fishes and invertebrates. The Sanctuary staff conducts science and education activities and works with the public to manage and protect these special areas of the marine environment. For more information: <http://flowergarden.noaa.gov>. The agenda will focus on priority issues for management plan review, including: harvesting impacts from fishing, impacts from visitor use, protection of additional habitat, law enforcement, education and outreach, and impacts of pollutant discharge. Council working groups will report on progress towards work plans and action plans to address each issue.